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By Suzi Muston

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SOUTHEND is bracing itself for another huge wave of tourists and business visitors.

The news comes following the revelation in your *Yellow Advertiser* last week that the town had seen a 364 per cent increase in the number of visitors compared to five years ago.

Numbers are expected to increase again following a staunch campaign to forge business, tourism and cultural links between Southend and a host of European cities.

Council chiefs gave business and tourism bosses from the town of Groningen in The Netherlands, a tour of Southend on Friday.

During discussions, both parties vowed to forge links between the two locations in a bid to increase visitors in each area.

Delegates agreed to link research and development faculties at Groningen's medical science university with the University of Essex, South Essex College and Anglia Ruskin University's MedTech campus based at the airport's business park.

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TOURISM BOOST: Dutch visitors in Southend

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'Bas Vegas' for all the family is dream of developer

By Suzi Muston

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A LAVISH new multi million pound family leisure destination is on the cards for Southend.

Developers who have bought a humble car park in Lucy Road, Southend, vow to transform it into a family orientated facility that will be "better than Bas Vegas".

Director of Turnstones Developments, Tim Deacon, shared his ambitious plans with the YA for a ten screen multiplex cinema, 11 restaurants, an outdoor play area and 99 apartments.

Mr Deacon said he had already approached restaurants TGF!, Coast to Coast, Chiquito's and Frankie and Benny's who have all agreed to open an eatery at the site.

The developers hope to start work at the end of this year with a phased two year building project planned.

He said: "We are 100 per cent committed to Southend and are intending to submit a full planning application by the end of the year and a public consultation will take place this

autum. We will create better, more family oriented restaurants.

"I have toured Southend and I am aware of the requirement that is needed for this catchment area.

"I want something a bit different for children here too like a climbing wall and other bits and pieces."

Cineworld pulled out of a deal with Turnstones earlier this year, but Tim Deacon is now liaising with other cinema firms.

The council signed up Turnstone Estates as its partner for the scheme, but the developer will bankroll it.

Leader of the council, Ron Woodley, said: "The job creation and private sector investment in this regeneration scheme are significant and provide a once in a generation opportunity to bring real change to this part of the town.

"We have a daytime economy and a night-time economy, and this will be a bridge to that, giving us an evening economy."

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Kelli's macabre tales unveiled at launch of literary festival



WRITE STUFF: Kelli Angliss, fourth left, with other writers who will be appearing at the festival in September

Photo by Mark Cleveland

A FORMER Southend High School pupil has a fascination with the macabre world of experiments on the human mind, *Suzi Muston writes*.

Kelli Angliss has based her second book Project Butterfly on research she uncovered in her spare time.

Kelli told the YA: "I was reading all about World War Two when I uncovered some very disturbing research on experiments on the human mind.

"It kept me up for days - there were people forced to take mind-altering LSD who were so traumatised that they developed another personality to

cope with the drug. During the Cold War the Russians revealed they had successfully found some people who had a strong psychic ability.

"The Americans then followed suit but the results were very mixed."

Kelli also uncovered details on horrific research carried out in Japan on captives while they were still alive.

Kelli, who was once a dog groomer and has only been writing for two years, will be one of the stars at the Leigh On Sea literary and arts festival next month.

She met up with a writing group in

Southend after finding them by chance on Facebook.

She said: "We all met up last September and decided to host the first ever literary and arts festival in Leigh On Sea this year."

Project Butterfly was released in 2014 and was a finalist in the 2014 Wishing Shelf Independent Awards.

Project Mayhem, the second instalment was released May this year.

She is writing her third book.

The festival takes place at Leigh Community Centre, Leigh Broadway, on September 19.

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POLICE are concerned for the welfare of a man missing from his home in Greenways, Southend.

David Robertson, 48, has not been seen since around 1am on Sunday, August 9.

He is white, 5ft 8ins, of medium build, close shaved and may be wearing casual clothing, possible jeans

and a t-shirt. Anyone who sees Mr Robertson should contact Essex Police on 101.

A MAN died after being hit by a train shortly after 4.30am on Tuesday.

British Transport Police said the tragedy happened on the Shoeburyness to London Fenchurch Street line between Chalkwell and Leigh On Sea stations.

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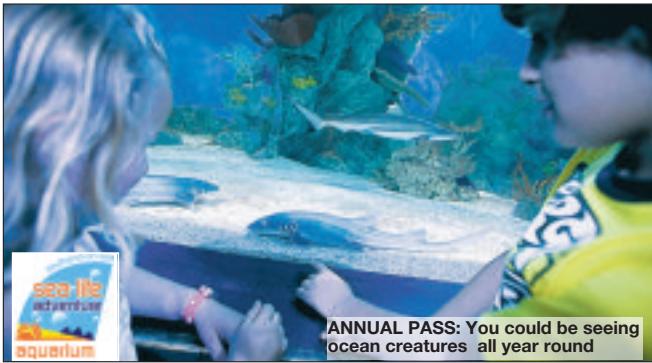
As well as being home to sea life from all over the world it is the place to learn all about them thanks to a range of talks given by enthusiastic aquarium hosts.

With so much to offer it is sometimes hard to fit everything into just one visit so Sea Life Adventure offers annual passes so you can visit time and time again. As the aquarium is under one roof and it has its own Three Shells Cafe, you can also stay there all day, whatever the weather and time of year.

The south east's premier aquatic attraction on Southend seafront features sea life from across the globe including its Tropical Shark Tank with black tip reef sharks and colourful tropical fish – which can be viewed from the sea bed as you walk through a perspex tunnel.

There is also Sea Cavern, HMS Sub Tropical, Turtle Bay, the Crawl Wall Scale Trail, Rockpool, Crocs & Frogs, Ray Bay, Deepwater World, and a Clowns displays to explore as well as the Sea Life Nursery – currently home to a recent baby boom of seahorses, pipefish, goodeids and axolotls.

The Sea Life Annual Pass not only gives you aquarium entry as many times as you like for 12 months from the day you sign up, but also 20 per cent



ANNUAL PASS: You could be seeing ocean creatures all year round

off goodies, such as purchases from the Gift Shop, the Three Shells Cafe and birthday parties too. They will even give anyone visiting with you a 20 per cent discount on aquarium entry, so why not visit with all your family and friends?

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Lottery boost for charity as it warns over diseases

PDSA appoints ‘pet champion’

THOUSANDS of pets across Southend are at risk from killer diseases such as parvovirus and feline leukaemia, according to vet charity PDSA.

A new pet well-being champion has now been appointed to help protect vulnerable pets in the town.

Veterinary nurse Claire Cooke has been named "pet champion" at the PDSA Southend clinic, thanks to a £550,000 award from players of People's Postcode Lottery.

The appointment comes after PDSA warned of a potential crisis due to the 6.1million UK pets not receiving regular booster vaccinations and the 4.1m cats, dogs and rabbits not currently neutered. The charity said this leaves pets exposed to a range of potentially deadly, preventable diseases such as leptospirosis, womb infections and certain cancers.

Claire is one of more than 50 vets and nurses across the UK who will educate pet owners about preventive health.

They will also encourage the uptake of thousands of vaccinations, neutering operations, parasite treatments and microchips to safeguard dogs, cats and small furry pets.

Claire said: "The funding from players of People's Postcode Lottery means I can protect more local pets against diseases and educate more owners about preventive health."

"This will make a huge difference in tackling some of the biggest welfare issues facing our nation's pets."

Last year the PDSA helped 478,000 pets, a rise of 50 per cent against the previous year.

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ANIMAL WELFARE: PDSA nurse Claire Cooke and Toffee the rabbit

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Surge in visitors

From front page

More Austrian holidaymakers are also expected in Southend following a new direct flight route between Southend and Klagenfurt, Austria, introduced eight weeks ago.

Travel firms said more visitors were expected throughout the summer in Southend because the hotels are not over-priced.

The average cost of an overnight stay in the town is £82 compared to Brighton or St Ives which is around £160.

Southend Council leader Ron Weaver said: "We are enhancing our relationship with European cities such as Groningen to encourage people not only to visit the town but also for people on business in London to choose to stay in Southend rather than the capital."

"Southend has improved dramatically in all areas, and with the airport, it has become a great place for visitors."

"Southend doesn't price itself out of the market either."

The Park Inn palace Hotel sponsored the overnight accommodation for the Dutch guests.

Interim managing director of London Southend Airport Jon Horne said: "We are the only London airport with a route to Groningen, so we hope their experience inspires them to return again and encourage colleagues, friends and families to fly with us too."

Cracking tunes, Gromit: orchestra's charity shows



CHARITY SHOW: Members of the Essex Concert Orchestra
Photo by Mark Cleveland

THE Essex Concert Orchestra will perform two shows at The Mill Arts and Events Centre in Rayleigh for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Charity.

The 70-strong group of musicians from Southend and Castlepoint are professional performers, students at London and Essex music colleges and music teachers.

Orchestra director Malcolm Hiscock said: "Students have the opportunity to perform repertoire at a high standard alongside professionals before they enter the music profession themselves."

"The orchestra is run on a

not-for-profit basis and makes charitable donations."

The Lights, Camera and Animation Concert features cartoon and animation themes, including Mickey Mouse, Tom and Jerry, The Jungle Book, The Aristocats, Beauty and the Beast, The Lion King, Wallace and Gromit and Frozen, on the 70th Anniversary of VJ Day.

Performances are at 3.30pm and 7.30pm.

For tickets email box office@essexconcertorchestra.org.uk or call 01268 743069 or 01702 207912.



E-FIT: Do you know this man?

Armed gang raid home

DETECTIVES investigating an aggravated burglary in Southend have released an e-fit of a man they want to identify.

Five men armed with baseball bats forced open the door of a house in West Street on Thursday, July 23, shortly before 2am.

They demanded money from the occupants, stole a games console, a watch and destroyed a TV. A woman was also hurt.

Anyone with information should call DC Alex Deacon at Southend CID on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Councillors reject rise in expenses

COUNCILLORS have rejected an increase in their allowances.

The decision comes after an independent panel suggested allowances should rise by five per cent from £10,841 to £11,275.

Southend Council leader Ron Woodley said: "I have never claimed expenses and so voted against an increase as did the other councillors. It would be wrong to accept an increase while budgets are being slashed."

More children getting into grammar schools

By Suzi Muston

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JUBILANT Southend education bosses said a scheme to increase the number of children admitted to one of the town's prestigious grammar schools has been a huge success.

They said up until this year, two-thirds of Southend's grammar schools' places had been taken up by youngsters outside of the area. Now almost half of the

places at one of Southend's four highly respected grammar schools have been offered to a child from the area.

This is an increase of around 30 per cent against last year.

A cross-party team of councillors said they carried out an in-depth study into the falling number of primary schoolchildren entering Southend's grammar schools.

They met primary and grammar headteachers, 10 chairmen of governors, the youth mayor

and a number of young people on the youth council.

Anne Jones, Southend councillor responsible for children and learning, said: "The council wants every young person to achieve the best possible academic and vocational results they can and we have supported families and schools to make the 11-plus more accessible to all children."

"We have also challenged our primary schools to ensure that all children who have the

potential to benefit from a grammar school education, regardless of their background or social circumstances, should be encouraged to do so.

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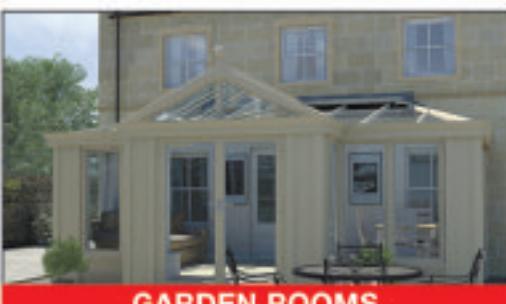
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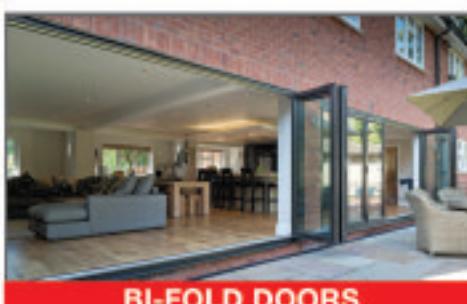
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By Pat Higgins

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BIKERS are revving up for this year's motoring marathon for the county's life-saving air ambulance.

The charity's biggest annual fundraising event – last year it made more than £42,000 to help keep the helicopters in the air – will see hundreds of motorcyclists ride the 60 miles from Ford Dunton Technical Centre, Basildon, to Harwich.

Hundreds of spectators are expected to line the route to watch the cavalcade, which starts at 11am and finishes with a Family Festival at the Essex port on Saturday, September 6.

Wendy Marcon-Knightley, sponsor and events manager for Essex and Herts Air Ambulance Trust, said: "Our charity motorcycle run gets bigger and better every year and we hope to welcome more riders than ever this September."

"A big thank you to our supporters and sponsors – without them we simply could not put this event on and raise all-important funds to keep your local air ambulance flying and saving lives."

Woodland Group and Jack Lilley Motorcycles are sponsors.

Bikers need to pre-register by August 30 for a chance to save on entry fees, gain priority positions when the run starts and get three chances to win pre-registration prizes donated by corporate supporters which are £2,000 of motorcycle kit courtesy of Devitt Insurance, and a £230 three-piece Triumph luggage set donated by



GEARED UP: Last year's event, above, and below, Tom Warsop, Georgina Larkin and Becky Bird from Devitt Insurance and the Essex Air Ambulance crew

Jack Lilley Motorcycles. Riders who get sponsored have a chance to win a bespoke £200 training day with Total Advanced Training.

Harwich company Ferry Motors is also supporting the event with a motorcycle goodie hamper worth £100 for the winner of the golden ticket found inside a pre-purchased Motorcycle Run 2015 T-shirt.

A charity auction will give you the chance to win photos and T-shirts signed by Moto GP riders.

Pre-registration costs £7 per biker and £13 for a rider and pillion (on the day prices are £10 per person and £15 for rider and pillion).

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WELCOME: Everyone is invited to Dorothy Good's stunning garden

Photo by Mark Cleveland

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Thousands of people have enjoyed visiting Dorothy Good's gardens for the last twenty years.

Dorothy who has been supported by the YA from the start, has raised thousands for scores of animal charities including Remus Sanctuary in Brentwood and the Brook Veterinary Hospital who send vets overseas.

This year, Dorothy will be raising money for a small independent charity that rescues injured

wildlife, South Essex Wildlife Hospital. Dorothy said: "There are so many lovely flowers, shrubs and trees, including blue agapanthus, dahlias, alstromeria.

"My personal favourites are the oriental poppy, the oriental lilly and the iris."

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By Pat Higgins

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AN ESSEX firefighter's project to ensure deaf people get fire safety advice has seen him shortlisted for a national award.

Although he is not deaf, Paul Pemberton learned sign language to help get his message across. He is determined deaf people should have access to information which could save their lives.

Paul created six subtitled fire safety videos in British Sign Language (BSL) helped by 18-year-old deaf fire cadet Gracie Gilmore, which explained about fire alarms, fire escapes, cooking safely and general fire safety.

This earned his nomination for "outstanding service" in the national deaf charity Signature's annual awards.

Paul, formerly based at Southend, has been made county fire service officer responsible for its BSL project covering fire safety for all deaf/hearing impaired people in Essex.

He is also a regular and active visitor to Southend Deaf Club, and holds open days for people with hearing problems at fire stations throughout Essex.

Paul said: "I am honoured to have been nominated for such a prestigious award. To think I



NOMINATED: Paul Pemberton at Southend Deaf Club

make a difference within the deaf community is quite humbling.

"I am very fortunate to have such great support from my employers, enabling me to have such a positive impact, and my BSL tutor has been an inspiration."

Tutor Sister Marika Rebicsek nominated Paul for the award and described him as "one of the most successful students I have ever had in raising awareness. His positive actions go far beyond the normal call of duty."

Signature's chief operating officer Lindsay Foster added: "Paul works very hard for the benefit of the deaf community. He has educated and helped

a lot of deaf people with regards to fire safety and deaf awareness and he continues to be an active and positive role model for all of us. We wish him luck with the award and hope he carries on his good work."

Judges will announce winners on Friday October 9 at the Museum of Science, Manchester.

Last month, Paul won the Adult Achievement Award at the Heart FM Essex Heroes Awards for the work he has been doing.

The videos Paul has created can be seen on the Service website at: http://www.essexfire.gov.uk/news/Deaf_Awareness_Week_Videos/

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C2c said this will provide 4,000 extra seats each day.

Children aged five to 15 can travel for £1 each off-peak until September 2, providing they are accompanied by a grown-up travelling on an adult ticket.

This includes season ticket holders and people who buy c2c's advance tickets, which have a discount of up to 40 per cent on the standard price.

Commercial director Clare McCaffrey said: "Summer's here and we know what a popular time it is for a day out, whether sight-seeing in London or a day at the beach. That's why we're adding thousands of extra seats to our trains, and running our special kids for a quid offer."

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C2c believe the increase is being driven by reduced engineering work and by more people making longer distance journeys from Southend into London and from the capital out to the coast. The firm said they expect the growth to continue this month as there will be no engineering work because of the better weather and the start of the football season.

Commercial director for c2c, Clare McCaffrey said: "Whether you want to go sight-seeing, shopping, or simply to relax by the beach, c2c can help you to make the most of your weekend."

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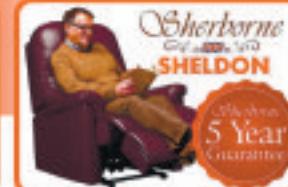
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FUN: Boys at the Sandra Singer Summer School

Future stars shine on stage

YOUNGSTERS aged between six and 18 have been enjoying an intensive week of performing arts training in Leigh.

The Sandra Singer Summer School has been showing the children what it is like to be a professional in the world of performing arts.

The youngsters met John Byrne from the industry's bible, The Stage newspaper.

Devon Anderson, who plays Billy Jackson in BBTC soap EastEnders gave students acting and auditioning workshops.

Jenny Davison from Charlie

and the Chocolate Factory took workshops too.

Jenny has starred in Wicked, Hairspray, Singing in the Rain, Top Hat, Mamma Mia.

Family and friends were treated to an hour-long show by the summer school pupils on Friday.

Units need to stay open regardless

MANY congratulations to Nicholson House on its 25th anniversary.

Nicholson is one of the largest of South Essex Homes' apartment units for the over-55s but also for those with adaptable needs.

These units are communities with quite often long-serving tenants still making them more sociable and community-spirited than most streets across the borough.

It is incredibly important that these units do not close whatever any review says.

*Clr Mark Flewitt
Leigh-on-Sea*

Bank share sale to bail out NHS...

SO, Chancellor George Osborne has sold off some RBS shares and achieved three of his objectives.

Of the billion pound giveaway

some 60 per cent has gone to hedge funds that contribute millions to the Tory party.

He has lessened the prospect of creating a competitive national bank and will claim to have reduced the national debt.

Few will dispute that the bailout of the banks was in the national interest and surely a similar bailout of the NHS is of national importance.

On the same day we learned of the success of Basildon Hospital though its financial position is worsening, but it is millions, not billions.

I would ask voters to contact their Tory MPs and request them – if they think we are all in this together – to impress upon our clueless chancellor the need to apply the proceeds of sale to the NHS, not debt reduction.

*Les Harrington
Benfleet*

Ideas for Southend Pier

HERE we go again, Southend Council has asked residents several times what attractions would we like to see on the pier.

The people have given the council many ideas over the years on improvements that would be of great benefit to the council, residents, and visitors alike, but what has it done? Nothing.

It must have reams of paper work that is gathering dust, which has yet to see the light of day.

For starters, either extend the railway so it runs from the top of the High Street right up to the end of the pier, or have trams or cable cars.

Once that has been done you will then attract restaurants, cafes, a pub and children's attractions; they need to get to the top of the pier quickly.

The council needs to get a developer that is prepared to do it properly with a little vision.

*Bernard George
Castle Point*

● Regarding comments on Southend Pier (YA, August 7), I can imagine the railings painted white or light green with window boxes fitted to them, deck chairs perhaps, some statues and palm trees, tea and fashion shops, ice cream trolleys – a Victorian theme in keeping with the conservation area of Southend.

*Maureen Weekes
Hullbridge*

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Joan's legacy lives on

By Pat Higgins

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THE WOMAN who made the first donation to kick-start a local charity died in the hospice she helped create.

Joan Mead's secret £5 gift, which boosted the foundation of Havens Hospices, came to light after her death last April.

The care team who looked after Joan, 86, from Southend, had no idea about her connection to the charity.

Her donation, left on the doorstep of one of the hospice's founders, Daphne Hall, became the first, which eventually established Fair Havens

in Westcliff, and Thundersley's Little Havens. Joan's daughter Annette Burles said: "My dad, Ron, had cancer in 1982 and had to be cared for at St Joseph's Hospice in east London, because there was nothing locally."

"It was hard for mum, who would go up to visit him every day after work."

"She really wished there was a hospice in Southend, and mentioned this to Daphne who said that she had already identified this as something the town needed and she, along with members of the church, were working towards."

"Mum said that she would make the first donation, and it was she that secretly left the £5 donation in an envelope on Daphne's doorstep."

Dad's mum, nanny Mead, died at Fair Havens in 1984 so it was there for her too."

Joan was admitted to the hospice due to complications from severe septicemic arthritis.

Annette, 65, from Leigh, said: "She would tell the nurses that she knew Daphne and was involved at the very beginning."

Daphne said: "Joan went to Earls Hall Baptist Church where the hospice idea was first discussed. I can't recall if she was at the original meeting, but Joan was always interested in how the hospice was progressing."

"One day, I came home to find a brown envelope on the doorstep with the words 'For the hospice' on the front and it contained a £5 note."



SECRETGIFT: Joan Mead

ily is now continuing to support Fair Havens in memory of Joan. Annette said: "Many people made a donation at her funeral, and my son Craig and his wife Kerry did a 170 mile bike ride at the start of July in memory of mum and to raise money for Fair Havens."

Daphne added: "When I heard that Joan had been cared for and died at Fair Havens Hospice, I thought it was wonderful that Fair Havens could be there for her when she needed it. It seemed like her story had come full circle."

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After judging, the cakes were sold off with all the money donated to Southend Hospital's special care baby unit. Scores of stalls

manned by organisations such as Southend Hospital, Citizens Advice Bureau and Southend Adult Community College provided invaluable advice.

Shirley O'Reilly, chair of the Southend Tenants and Residents Association (STRF) organised the annual event.

Shirley said: "Each year the event gets bigger and better. "It's a great way for adults to access information and advice on a wide range of issues whilst the whole family can enjoy the entertainment and activities.

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Office of police chief heads UK efficiency table

By Charles Thomson

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THE Essex Police Commissioner's office is the second most efficient in the UK, the campaigning group The Taxpayers' Alliance has revealed. Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston welcomed the report but claimed his office was more efficient than estimated because the alliance miscalculated how many communications staff he employed.

Jonathan Isaby, chief executive of the alliance, praised Mr Alston's efficiency but accused him of wasting too much money on PR workers.

He said: "Essex's PCC office is certainly a good news story compared to the rest of the country, but there is still more to do. When the police need to make necessary savings while protecting frontline services, we have to ask if having three people tasked with improving the perception of the PCC is really the best use of resources."

Mr Alston said he did not employ three people to manage public relations. The Tory politician said he only paid for half that amount.

He said: "I welcome the report from The Taxpayers' Alliance, as I and my office have always strived for transparency on these matters and regularly publish our accounts on my website.

"I am extremely proud of my highly professional and hardworking team.

"The report shows that the office of the PCC in Essex is the second cheapest in the country, based on analysis of spend per 1,000 residents, and I spend significantly less than the former police authority. I believe I am providing better value for money and more open and effective scrutiny of the police force than under the old authority.

"I do promote my work and that of the office through professional media staff. I regard it as essential that the Essex public knows what I am doing on their behalf. I employ just one full-time communications manager and one part-time media and engagement officer, a shared resource with Essex Police."

The most efficient office was Thames Valley. For each 1,000 people Mr Alston's office spent



SECOND: Nick Alston

£817, with Thames Valley spending £624. The worst was Cambridgeshire spending £2,979 per 1,000. The report looked at the 41 offices across England and Wales set up to introduce greater accountability.

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What's on and what's coming

ADDER ON THE STAGE

By LIZ WADE

THURROCK Courts Players have a cunning plan – to perform a full evening of the acclaimed sitcom, Blackadder. Presented in three acts the production features extracts from different series of one of the best British TV sitcoms of all time.

This cleverly adapted live show, which will be at Thameside Theatre, Orsett Road, Grays, from Thursday to Saturday, September 24 to 26, features all the best loved characters from Blackadder II, Blackadder the Third and Blackadder Goes Forth.

Blackadder and Baldrick are joined through the ages by Queenie, Nursie, Melchett, Percy, Prince George, Mrs Miggins, Captain Darling and a host of other fabulous characters – not forgetting, of course, Lord Flashheart – in a romp though some of the best episodes of this beloved BBC sitcom.

Adapted from the television show by Courts' own Luke Coldham – who will be playing the legendary Flashheart, as well as directing the show – the production is proving to be a grand task for those working behind the scenes.

With three different sets to construct and more than 20 actors playing 30 different roles, each requiring authentic looking cos-

tumes and wigs, the production has been a long time in the planning.

Performing in this show is a dream come true for some. Courts member, Victoria Grayson, who will be playing Queenie, said: "I'm so excited to be part of this. I'm a huge Blackadder fan and to be playing such an iconic character is a pleasure and a privilege."

"I know the audience will be comparing us to the originals after the success of The Vicar of Dibley, and they won't be disappointed."

As well as three evening performances, Thurrock Courts Players will also be taking to the stage for a Saturday matinee, so make sure you grab your tickets for the chance to once again follow the misfortunes of Edmund Blackadder.

Thameside Theatre will also be the place to see Only One Direction on Friday this week but don't worry if you miss them as they will also be at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, later this month, on Monday, August 31.

Following their sellout tour in 2014, Only One Direction are back again with a new show for 2015.

Capturing the charisma, energy and enthusiasm of the famous boyband, the show features songs from all four of One Direction's smash hit albums including What Makes You Beautiful, Story of My



A CUNNING PLAN: Thurrock Courts Players bring the world of Blackadder to life on the stage

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They came to Canvey Island when Dutch engineer Cornelius Vermuyden drained and embanked the area in the 17th century and many remained in the area.

While one of these cottages, in Haven Road, which was built in 1621, is privately owned, the other in Canvey Road was given to the borough council in 1952.

It was restored and repainted, and work was carried out to re-thatch its conical roof, so it could be opened as a museum in 1962.

The Benfleet and District Historical Society runs the museum on the council's behalf and further work has been carried out over the years to restore it further, while items of interest have been added to its collection.

Stepping through the front door of the cottage and standing in its living room, the first thing to strike you is its low the ceiling.

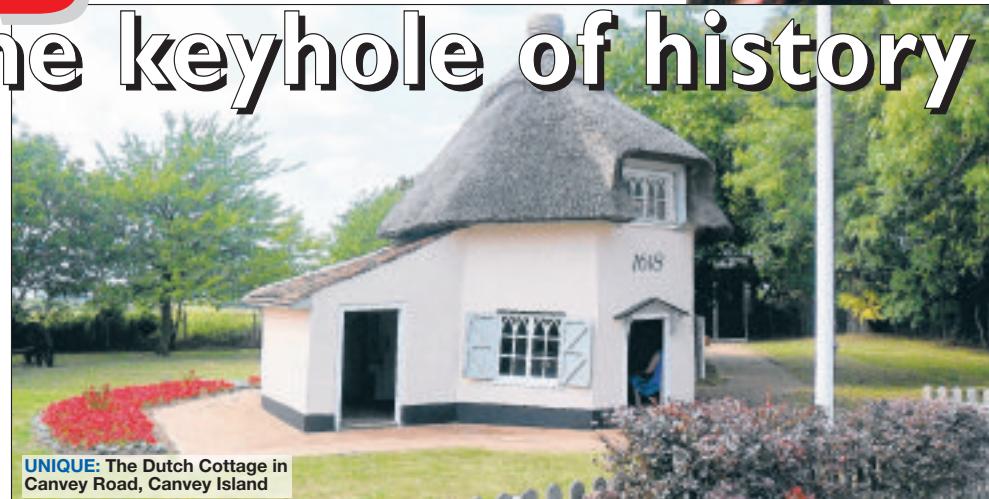
The first floor of the cottage

would have been made of beaten earth and shells, but this has been improved over generations and now it has five separate layers, the most recent being a covering of rough brick. This, and the fact that the floor bricks used in its final layer are a different size to what are used today, has made the ceiling so low.

In the living room you can see antique Dutch tiles, fire-irons and a fender made by craftsmen more than 150 years ago, as well as a Tudor chair found in a farmhouse in Canvey. There is also a spinning wheel that is more than 200 years old, ancient eel spears and the original plaque taken from the site of the old village pump.

Even the table where the museum's literature is kept was made in the time of Queen Anne, when pegging was used instead of today's nails and screws.

While the cottage's doors and window frames are replicas many beams are original. On the first floor is a landing at the top of the stairs where the children of the



UNIQUE: The Dutch Cottage in Canvey Road, Canvey Island

house would have slept, which has enough room for an antique cradle and a child's rocking chair, typical cottage furniture of its time.

In the main bedroom is a fascinating display of sailing vessels that would have passed Canvey including models of a Roman merchant ship, a Danish longboat, a medieval castle ship and a Flemish carrack. The room is also home to

a panoramic scene of the River Thames and Canvey Island, on which you can see the Danish Camp at Benfleet and Dutch cottages. Once you have explored the cottage visit an exhibition hall behind, which is home to many items the cottage did not have room for, such as a large collection of corn dollies from Essex and other counties and tools that were

used to keep the sea walls and ditches in good order.

The museum is open from spring until the end of September, on Sundays from 2.30pm to 5pm, as well as on Wednesdays and bank holidays during the same times in July and August.

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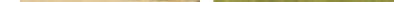


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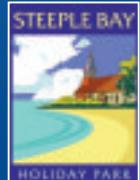
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TANDOORI Parlour has just launched a special menu for diners at the same time as welcoming a new a la carte chef to its award-winning team.

The chef has joined the acclaimed team at the largest Indian restaurant in Essex, and brings his own expertise to the restaurant's mouth-watering cuisine, which includes all you can eat buffets and an exceptional a la carte menu.

Another new addition at Tandoori Parlour is a Tuesday and Wednesday Night Special when diners can enjoy their very own banquet for just £24.95 per couple. The value-for-money deal includes plain or masala poppadoms with any homemade chutney and pickles for appetizer, followed by tandoori chicken, lamb tikka or vegetarian samosas for starter.

It is then on to a choice of any chicken, lamb or vegetarian curry dish for the main course, with saffron rice, Bombay potato and tandoori naan on the side. This is all complimented with a bottle of house wine and dessert.

Every year Tandoori Parlour, at 61-63 Hart Road, Thundersley, is the perfect setting for festive celebrations and staff are already taking bookings for Christmas.

With disco and karaoke nights throughout the festive period it is the ideal venue for some festive fun with family, friends or work colleagues.

With evenings starting from just £11.95 per person, "doubles for singles" drinks deals, DJ entertainment, party novelties and a choice of Indian or English cuisine, menu or buffet, Tandoori Parlour is the place to be this Christmas, so make your booking now to avoid disappointment.

Throughout the year Tandoori Parlour offers you the chance to enjoy a celebration with family or friends, thanks to the best in Indian and Nepalese cuisine, DJ entertainment, and your table for the whole evening.

Enjoy poppadoms and pickles, and a platter of starters silver-served to your table, before feast-



ing on a banquet of delicious food from an extensive buffet of 52 dishes.

Its fantastic buffet evenings cost just £11.95 per person from Sunday to Wednesday, and £12.95 on Thursday, when there is karaoke and disco night each week. While its popular banquet and disco nights on Friday and Saturday offer silver-served starters, an extensive buffet, a disco with DJ entertainment and "doubles for singles" drinks deals at the bar from 5.30pm to 8pm.

Enjoy an "eat as much as you like" deal from the a la carte menu, from Sunday to Thursday, all freshly cooked and served to your table for just £12.95 per person, and a Sunday Lunchtime Buffet of 52 dishes and a platter of starters silver-served to your table for just £7.95 per person, with children aged 10 and under eating for free.

The restaurant, which was one of the first Indian restaurants to win the Tiffin Cup in 2005 and is regularly featured in the Good Curry Guide, has a downstairs dining area with bar and dance floor, and a Crystal Room upstairs with illuminated glass dance floor, laser light show and state-of-the-art sound and lighting.

As well as full disabled facilities and a free large car park opposite, it also holds charity nights, and offers free VIP cards and a full takeaway service.

For further information about Tandoori Parlour, which has been serving delicious food to the community since the mid-1970s and is open seven days a week, both lunchtime and evening, call 01268 793786 or 01268 793877, or visit www.tandooriparlour.com.

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Saturday, August 15

- Rayleigh history walk and tree walk – from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS67ED, 3pm, £2, details Mike Stone 01268 775328.
- The South East Essex Ramblers – 10-mile London walk along the Thames Path north and around Kew Gardens to Sheen, Teddington Lock and Richmond Park. Meet 7.55am at Benfleet Station, Vivien 01268 750171.
- Basildon Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards. Frys Hall, The Fryth, Basildon, 01268 415409.
- Club 50+ Southend – 9.30am-3.30pm daily, activities, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club – The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, admission free. Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz workshop – Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

Sunday, August 16

- The South East Essex Ramblers – five-mile walk Stanbridge area. Meet 10am in layby outside Stanbridge Nursing Home, Rochford. Bill 01702 526079.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 2345247.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Waterside Sports Centre, Somers Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. 10.30am-4pm, adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 639569.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz – Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – 10am to noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dudsonal Drive, Leigh, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
- King's Church Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon. 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's – Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kin Road, Thundersley, (children aged three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, open to all, details Mo 07757 568799.

Monday, August 17

- Ron Spack's Jazzy – Tony Pethen on sax and Dave Kay on guitar, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Coffee Morning – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon. All welcome.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Felmores area, Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free informative workshop, coffee, cake and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.
- Dance class – usually six-week course,

ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.

- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm. All standards. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.
- Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllyngrove Centre, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, details Pat 01268 770294.
- Over-50s session – Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road. Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.
- Activity Session for adults with special needs – 10am to noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
- Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highways Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thame Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call Vernon 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Raindon, details Jeff Levy 07913 426371 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Beginners Computer Course – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls – in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, details Ray 01268 777666.
- Indoor Bowls – George Hurd Centre, £3.60 per session.

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Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, Tues 2.15-4.45pm, Wed 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

- Whist – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club – Ghyllyngrove Centre, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Pensioners stall – York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance – Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.
- Healing – in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.
- Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer 8-9.30pm, details 07879 007444.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highfields Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 inc tea/coffee, call 01268 727915.

Tuesday, August 18

- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, St Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.
- Rayleigh Horticultural Society Club Night – talk by Mo Perkins: Soft Fruits, St Michael's Church Hall, St Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 8-10pm. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members, inc tea or coffee and biscuits.
- Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group – To book, call 01702 345156 or 343121.
- Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9, Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
- Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, Bring a blanket and your yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class – with instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

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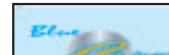
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■ Weekly Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm, No charge. Emma 01702 471873.
 ■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Landon weekly. First session free call or text Alan 07952 043456.
 ■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
 ■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
 ■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.
 ■ Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
 ■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
 ■ Ladies Fellowship - Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
 ■ The Puffers Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.
 ■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
 ■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, every Tuesday 7.15pm, £2 enquiries Anne 01702 556470.
 ■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30. 01268 465854.
 ■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
 ■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
 ■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am-noon.
 ■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm. Breath Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
 ■ Carpet Bowls – Eastwood Community

Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, no experience necessary, £2 per session, joining fee £5, first session free.
 ■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
 ■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7.9-45pm, for adults with learning disabilities, aged 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/ 525141/340617.
 ■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
 ■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
 ■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five years. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, August 19

■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club – Gary Wood's Swing Quintet, 8pm, The Chichester, Rawreth, SS11 8UE, Tel: 07850 607075.
 ■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.
 ■ Pregnancy Yoga Class – Westwood Primary School, Hadleigh, 8-9pm. £6 per session. Details Linda 01702 552260.
 ■ Line dancing lessons – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.
 ■ Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
 ■ The Concord Ladies Club of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 734240.
 ■ Leigh Singles Social Club – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, www.leighsingles.co.uk for details.
 ■ Activity Session for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free entry, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.
 ■ Palace Writers Group – 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings, details Emily 01702 390472.
 ■ Roche Art Group – St Teresa's Church Hall, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, details Gill 01702 417237.
 ■ Advanced Computer Course – Pitsea Centre over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.
 ■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, 01702 712150.
 ■ Brentwood Buddies – new social club for ages 40-60, The Essex Arms, Warley

4.25pm, free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.
 ■ Hailstone Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.
 ■ Barn Dance – Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
 ■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details Olive 01702 625009.
 ■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardeners Close, Basildon, all-weather green, free coaching given, call Chris 01268 419831.
 ■ Breathing Exercise Group – run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1.2-30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation call Honorie 01268 574390.
 ■ Social ballroom and Latin dancing – Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob, 01702 544112.
 ■ Health Walk – Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.
 ■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group – for families/friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, (non-denominational).
 ■ Pulse Drum Club – St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.
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Hill, Brentwood, 8pm. Contact Julie on 07969 071392 by text or phone before turning up.

Thursday, August 20

■ Alzheimer's Society activity group – To book, call 01702 345156 or 343121.
 ■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
 ■ Thundersley Gardening Association – 7.45pm, Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.
 ■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3; 1.30-3pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics: 1.30-3pm, £2, 01268 465854.
 ■ Health Walk – Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods car park, details 01702 318121.
 ■ Jive classes – Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner, 07771 831507.
 ■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club – Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, details De, 01268 565045.
 ■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church – Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, mediums demonstrate clairvoyance, 7.30pm.
 ■ Pottery – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 465854.
 ■ Coffee, cake and chat – WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 2pm, details D 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
 ■ Stalls in outpatients dept – next to postbox, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, handknits etc, 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Key Hole Cancer Appeal.
 ■ Tea Dance – St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01268 770112.
 ■ Ceramics – The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.
 ■ Short Mat Bowls – Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Landon, 7.30pm, details 0177 2625027.
 ■ Clairvoyance – Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoeburyness, 8-10pm, 01702 476087.
 ■ Healing – The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, 10-11.30am.
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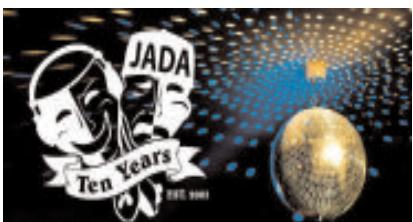
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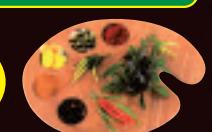
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£325,000



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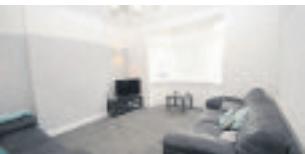


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Westcliff-On-Sea

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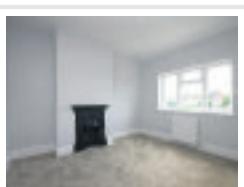
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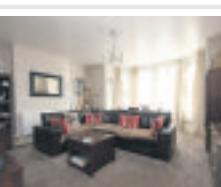
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Carnarvon Road, Southend-on-Sea £375,000

Impressive character four bedroom semi detached house situated in a popular residential area convenient for town centre and mainline station. The extremely spacious and well presented accommodation has the advantage of a ground floor cloakroom, double glazing, bedroom with en suite shower room and additional family shower room. Also featuring a 23'11 summer house to the rear which provides a kitchen and separate shower room. Off street parking to the front.
Ref: ETS5032 EPC E



Eastwood Lane South, Westcliff-on-Sea £260,000

Located within a popular residential area, is this attractive three bedroom terraced house, convenient for local bus routes, Chalkwell Hall School and Chalkwell Park. Offering double glazing throughout, two reception rooms, modern kitchen, ground floor wc, bathroom and rear garden.
Ref: ETS5015 EPC D



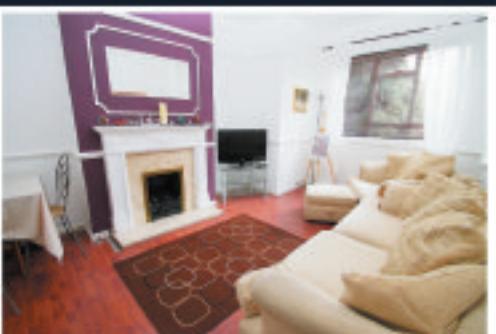
Westborough Road, Westcliff-on-Sea £155,000 OIEO

Two bedroom first floor flat positioned in a popular residential area. The well presented accommodation provides double glazed windows, gas central heating and benefits from direct access to balcony leading to own section of garden.
Ref: ETS5043 EPC Commissioned



Gainsborough Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea £115,000 OIEO

One double bedroom ground floor flat situated in a popular residential area. The accommodation is in need of some improvement with the benefit of direct access to own section of garden. No onward chain.
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The panic has been justified. If you are unlucky enough to inhale a droplet of water infected by Legionella bacteria and it spreads to your lungs then nasty flu-like symptoms develop. These can then be followed by a form of pneumonia which, for ill or elderly people, can be fatal.

But as a landlord you'd think it was a disease that you needn't worry about; unfortunately you would be wrong.

The UK's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) recently extended its regulations covering the control of the disease to privately rented properties. The rules aren't unduly difficult to implement, but if you ignore them then fines of up to £90,000 may follow.

Legionnaires Disease came to prominence in 1976 when it got into the air conditioning cooling towers of a hotel in the US and killed half a dozen American Legion army veterans attending a gathering there. But there have been UK outbreaks too including one in Edinburgh in 2012 that killed four people.

The HSE is worried about residential rental properties mainly because from time to time they are empty during void periods and their hot and cold systems are unused. And Legionnaires' Disease bacteria loves standing or stagnant water in pipes and shower heads.

So what do you have to do?

Here is a summary of the basics:

As a landlord you must:

- Carry out (or pay a specialist to carry out) a full risk assessment on your property. But also:
- Flush out a property's hot and cold water systems before tenants move in.
- Avoid debris getting into the system (for example ensure any cold water tanks have a tight-fitting lid).
- If a property has a hot water tank, ensure the hot water within it is heated to at least 60 °C – Legionella bacteria cannot survive at this temperature or above.
- Have old or unused pipes replaced – the bacteria like rust and scale.
- Advise tenants to regularly clean and disinfect showerheads



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Ask the Agent

Alan Kirkman

Q. ■ What is the legal position regarding work on party walls?



Alan Kirkman is a Director of both Tudor Estates in Southend and Essex TEAM part of a network of independently owned estate agents who share their instructions for the benefit of giving their client properties maximum market exposure. Alan has been an estate agent for over 32 years.

A. Where legalities are concerned, you really should be asking a solicitor. That said, however, my understanding is that you basically own half the thickness of any party wall – so as far as minor, everyday things are concerned, like drilling into it to install fixings for kitchen cabinets or shelves, or even cutting into it to install electrical wiring and sockets, you are basically free to do what you like. That said, it is no more than common courtesy to let your neighbours know before you start.

Major structural work, on the other hand, is another matter, and is governed by the Party Wall Act, 1996, most recently updated in January this year. Basically, this enshrines your right to do things like cutting into the wall to take one end of an RSJ, or slicing all the way through it in order to install a new damp course. If necessary, it even permits you to demolish the whole thing and completely rebuild it. However...you must give the owners of the adjoining property written notice, not less

than two months ahead of the planned start date. This notice should be dated, and it is advisable to include a clear statement that it is a notice under the provisions of the Act. Your neighbours should in turn give their consent – again, in writing – within 14 days.

When it comes to the work itself, the Act stipulates that it should not cause undue inconvenience to your neighbours. It also makes you legally responsible for providing suitable protection for

buildings and property during the course of the work, and for compensating your neighbours in the event of any incidental damage. In return, your neighbours are legally bound to allow free access to their property as necessary for the proper completion of the work.

Finally, while my understanding is that a neighbour can't actually stop you from exercising your rights under the Act, failure to do things by the book could trigger a lengthy and potentially costly dispute. And disputes can happen all too easily, since all the neighbour need do to trigger one is to withhold his or her written consent. That's why I would strongly urge you to discuss your plans with your neighbours well in advance – and seek proper legal advice!

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Motoring

Funkier new Smart is still leftfield

By Patrick James

I ALWAYS thought the original Smart Forfour would sell well, being, well, smart, funky and just that little bit left field.

When it was discontinued after poor sales, the Mercedes-owned firm carried on with the Fortwo. But the Forfour rose again last year after the parent firm clearly identified a market.

Like its predecessor, it is at the expensive end of the micro car price scale, but only a few hundred pounds more than its two-door stablemate and features good levels of standard equipment. The new version is even funkier and still very left field.

Even the entry level includes cruise control, 15-inch alloys, automatic climate control and ISOFIX child seat mounts. In practical terms, all models include a moveable cargo box and 50/50-split rear seats to open up the boot space from 185 litres to a very generous 975 litres.

The centre console also features a pull-out tray and double cup holder.

This test model costs more than £12,300, but it is packed with standard kit, including goodies like, panoramic glass roof, reversing camera and parking sensors.

Built in collaboration with Renault and sharing much of the Twingo city car technology, it is a five-door micro mini with a surprising amount of room, which can accommodate four adults easily.



DISTINCTIVE: The new Smart Forfour Prime

Unusually, and like the Renault, it is rear-engined and rear wheel drive.

This means that the front wheels, unencumbered with drive shafts have a very tight turning circle, making it ideal for slotting into tight parking spaces and zipping around the city.

The turning circle is like a black cab. The rear door also opens up to 85 degrees, easing access for even the tallest passengers, however the rear windows are opened via a latch, rather than wind-down.

There is a single, one litre three-cylinder engine with two power outputs, the 71bhp

unit driven here, mated with a five-speed manual gearbox, or a 90bhp turbocharged

The interior continues the funky theme with its two tone look, and chunky controls.

The binnacle has a single large dial behind a leather-trimmed, three-spoke multi-function steering wheel.

A 3.5-inch touch screen is situated in the centre of the dash which controls infotainment and Bluetooth connectivity systems.

Other controls and stalks feel substantial as do the two large containers on the front doors.

The finish is tough plastic rather than soft

touch, which cheapens an otherwise smart interior which has classy touches like leather upholstered seats.

Other standard kit for this model includes climate and cruise control, heated seats for driver and passenger, auto door looking, auto wash/wipe function and lane keeping assist with acoustic and visual warning.

The Smart Audio-System includes FM and AM tuner with connections for USB, MP3 and AUX input and Bluetooth connectivity. For safety there are driver and passenger front and side airbags and driver kneebag, stability control, pedestrian impact protection front and side and tyre pressure monitoring system.

It's not cheap, but smart does have appeal and with high levels of equipment and distinctive styling will appeal to many suburban drivers.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16A (SPECIAL EVENTS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC & TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW & PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING & UNLOADING) (VARIOUS ROADS – SOUTHPED-ON-SEA) SOUTHPED CARNIVAL EVENT ORDER 2015

1. SOUTHPED-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT to allow for the SOUTHPED CARNIVAL EVENT and because of the likelihood of the danger to the public on 22nd AUGUST 2015 it made an Order under Section 16A of the ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1984 as amended by the ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994, the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic on VARIOUS ROADS & PARKING AREAS & temporarily suspend the One-Way Traffic in PLEASANT ROAD & prohibit Waiting Loading & Unloading in CLIFFTOWN PARADE within SOUTHPED-ON-SEA as listed in the schedules below.

2. Whilst the closure, temporary suspensions and prohibitions are in place, no person may cause any vehicle, to proceed in the various roads within Southend-on-Sea as detailed in the schedules below on SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST 2015

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Road	Duration of Closure
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Shaftesbury Avenue – Bryant Avenue to Lifstan Way	16.30 hrs to 21.30 hrs
Victoria Road – Shaftesbury Avenue to Eastern Esplanade	19.15 hrs to 21.30 hrs
Eastern Esplanade – Lifstan Way to Southchurch Avenue	19.15 hrs to 21.30 hrs
Southchurch Avenue – Woodgrange Drive to Eastern Esplanade	19.15 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Marine Parade – in its entirety	19.15 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Western Esplanade – Marine Parade to Shorefield Road	19.15 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Western Esplanade – Shorefield Road to Grosvenor Road	20.15 hrs to 23.00 hrs
Shorefield Road – Palmeira Avenue to Western Esplanade	20.15 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Pleasant Road – Marine Parade to Hartington Place	18.30 hrs to 22.30 hrs

SCHEDULE 2

Road	Duration of Closure
Western Esplanade – All Southern Carriageway bays between the Pier and Western Esplanade Central Area Car Park	17.00 hrs to 22.30 hrs
Western Esplanade – All On-Street bays between Grosvenor Road and Shorefield Road	17.00 hrs to 23.30 hrs
Clifftown Parade – No Waiting, Loading & Unloading from Prittlewell Square to Devereux Road	15.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs
Western Esplanade – the Loading Bay between Marine Parade and the Pier	17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs
Marine Parade – All Loading Bays, Limited Waiting Bays & Disabled Parking Bay	17.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs

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■ Soul-sational – the Cliffs Pavilion welcomes hit stage show Soul Legends on Saturday, September 5, with guest Jaki Graham, above right

JAKI GRAHAM JOINS SOUL LEGENDS SHOW

By: Gary Mac

SOUL sensation Jaki Graham is celebrating 30 years as a recording artist with the release of a box set of her albums plus a guest appearance in hit touring stage show Soul Legends at the Cliffs Pavilion, Southend.

Brand-new from the producers of Magic of Motown... Soul Legends features an all-star cast bringing to life hits by Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Michael Jackson, Tina Turner, Lionel

Richie, Barry White, Wilson Pickett, Earth Wind & Fire and many more on Saturday, September 5.

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■ World premiere – You Win Again takes its first bow at the Cliffs Pavilion on Sept 30

A musical theatre show celebrating the story of the Bee Gees is long overdue, according to the producer

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